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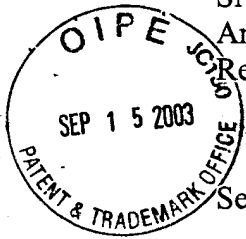
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application for patent as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figure is attached following page 11.